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Dear Editors:

Please publish the following legal notice in your newspaper once a week for the next two weeks, preferably in your Sunday edition, if you have one, beginning March 11, 2007:

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Availability

Montana Major Facility Siting Act Application

Montana Alberta Tie Transmission Line

Montana Alberta Tie Ltd. (MATL) has submitted a Montana Major Facility Siting Act application to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to construct an electric transmission line. MATL proposes to construct, operate and maintain a 230 kV transmission line between Lethbridge, Alberta and Great Falls, Montana. As proposed, the 130-mile transmission line would extend from the Montana-Alberta border northeast of Cut Bank to an existing substation just north of Rainbow Dam near Great Falls.

The proposed H-frame transmission line would cross mostly private land. Some State of Montana school trust land and Bureau of Land Management land also would be crossed. The EIS examines the proposed alignment, two major routing alternatives and a single-pole design alternative. The applicant's proposed alignment with the addition of five local reroutes with single-pole construction on approximately 24 miles of line, has tentatively been selected as DEQ's preferred alternative. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 75-20-302 of the Annotated Rules of Montana, DEQ is providing notice to persons owning property that may be affected by the line and reroutes.

At this time, DEQ anticipates that there would be no air, water quality or solid waste permits required. Construction waste would be disposed of at a facility licensed to accept such materials.

A 30-day public comment period for written comments will close on April 9, 2007. Public hearings will be held at the following locations from 6:30-9:30 PM:

Norley Hall, 400 N Virginia, Conrad on March 27, 2007,
Glacier County Voting Center, 917 East Railroad St, Cut Bank on March 28, 2007, and
Great Falls Civic Center, Missouri Room, 2 Park Dr. S., Great Falls on March, 29, 2007.

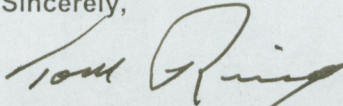
To request a copy of the EIS or to submit relevant comments, questions or concerns about the EIS or the application write to Mr. Greg Hallsten, Director's Office, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, PO Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901, or e-mail to MATL@mt.gov. Comments may also be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearings. The draft EIS and a map of the proposed line and alternatives may be viewed at the DEQ website at www.deq.mt.gov. Individuals needing an alternatively accessible form of this notice should contact Mr. Hallsten at the address above.

In addition, please attach an affidavit of publication, with an original tear sheet for the run date, to your invoice and send them to:

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Please charge to DEQ account number: RC # 535204, DOC # EMB 5037 117

Sincerely,



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